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REJECT RECONCILIATION WITH SADAT

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1. FONMIN KHADDAM LISTENED CAREFULLY TO MY BRIEFING ON
RESULTS OF THE DAYAN AND BEGIN VISITS TO WASHINGTON DURING
OUR MEETING MAY 8 THEN COMMENTED THAT SYRIAN VIEWS ON THE
SADAT INITIATIVE AND ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT
CHANGED. SYRIA CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THESE

NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERMINING SERIOUS WORK TO ESTABLISH A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THEREGION. THE COURSE WHICH EGYPT, ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES ARE PURSUING IS "BLOCKED" AND WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE IN ANY WAY TO REAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

2. HEATING TO HIS REPLY, KHADDAM ATTACKED USG PARTICIPATION IN CELEBRATING "30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ZIONIST AGGRESSION AGAINST THE ARABS." HE SAID THAT THIS ATTITUDE COUPLED WITH THE MASSIVE MILITARY AND POLITICAL (SIC) ASSISTANCE WHICH THE US ACCORDS ISRAEL CAN ONLY FURTHER COMPLICATE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION AND MAKE ISRAEL MORE INTRANSIGENT. IT IS APPARENT, KHADDAM CHARGED, THAT THE US DOES NOT ATTACH ANY MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO ARAB PUBLIC OPINION OR ACCURATELY ASSESS THE DANGERS ITS ACTIONS POSE TO THE SITUATION IN THE REGION.

3. RESPONDING TO MY QUESTION, KHADDAM SAID THAT THE MAY 6-7 OF PRESIDENT NUMAYRI TO SYRIA HAD NOT PRODUCED ANY CHANGE IN THE SITUATION. WHAT IS REQUIRED, KHADDAM STATED, IS THAT SADAT DECLARE AN END TO HIS "BAD" POLICY WHICH HAS UNDERMINED REAL PEACE EFFORTS AND AN ARAB ROLE IN THE.. UNTIL SADAT DOES THIS, KHADDAM WARNED, HE WILL NOT FIND ANYONE WHO WILL AGREE TO MEET WITH HIM.

4. COMMENT: OUR MEETING WAS CORDIAL AND NOT ANTAGONISTIC
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BUT KHADDAM MADE HIS POINTS IN HIS USUAL BLUNT WAY. JUDGING FROM HIS REMARKS, PRESIDENT NUMAYRI MADE NO IMMEDIATE PROGRESS IN HIS MISSION TO MODERATE SYRIAN OPPOSITION TO THE CURRENT COURSE OF MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS AND RESTORE ARAB SOLIDARITY. THERE WAS, NEVERTHELESS, A SHADE MORE GIVE IN KHADDAM'S POSITION VIS-A-VIS SADAT THAN IN HIS PREVIOUS PRESENTATIONS WHICH EXCLUDED POSSIBILITY OF EVER DEALING WITH THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT AGAIN. IT MAY BE THAT TIME AND THE SERIES OF ARAB EMISSARIES WHO HAVE COME TO DAMASCUS ARE BEGINNING TO WHITTLE DOWN SYRIAN "STEADFASTNESS" ALTHOUGH PUBLIC POSITION REMAINS OPPOSED TO RECONCILIATION.
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